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Update to
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Ms. Mary Grisier
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Dear Ms. Grisier:

This is the final report on Priority Investigation Number
1-LA-95.

On January 7, 1995, the body of a white male was found in the
Vagabond Inn Motel, in Woodland Hills. The 95-room motel had
been fumigated and tented with Vikane/Dow (EPA Registration
Number 6719-4) on January 5, 1995.

On January 7, 1995, when the crew came back to take down the
tents and begin aeration, the body of the white male was
discovered in one of the rooms; apparently one of the window
screens had been removed. The Los Angeles City Fire Department,
Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Hazardous
Materials Unit responded to the scene and pronounced the man dead
at the scene. The Los Angeles County Coroners report said that
the white male must have entered the motel on January 5, 1995,
and died of inhalation of Sulfuryl Fluoride.

The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's Office
investigated this incident by interviewing all of the parties
involved, however, no violations were found.



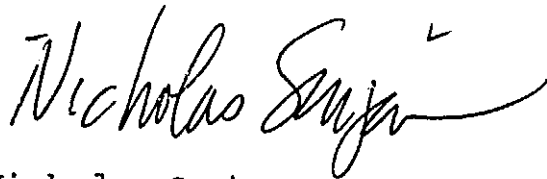
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Ground water protection, endangered species, cancellation/
suspension issues and worker safety concerns were all considered
during this investigation. No complementary U.S. EPA action is
requested.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicholas Surjan". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a small checkmark above the final "n".

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cc: Mr. Leon Spaugy, Los Angeles County Agricultural
Commissioner